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Serial No. 10/584,039

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action mailed on June 8, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 8, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the Application. By means of the present amendment, claim 18 is amended to correct an obvious typographic error noted upon review of the claim.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 18 and 19 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 17 are amended to substantially include that which is indicated as allowable from claim 18.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 17 are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-16 respectively depend from claim 1 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

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In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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